



## NEWS RELEASE

# Santiago Canyon College Honored for Excellence in Equitable Course Placement

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(Orange, CA) The Campaign for College Opportunity will recognize Santiago Canyon College (SCC) for its leadership and achievement in ensuring more Latinx students enroll in transfer-level English coursework at the second annual Excellence in Placement award ceremony in May. This honor is presented to a select number of California Community Colleges for exemplary efforts in implementing placement policy AB 705, which, since being signed into law in 2017, has resulted in incoming college students being placed directly into transfer-level courses rather than remedial math or English.

As a 2023 Champion for Excelling in Equitable Course Placement, SCC is being honored in the area of Latinx English Enrollment. Over the past 12 months, the college has successfully supported 100% of their Latinx students to enroll directly into transfer-level English coursework.

Equitable placement practices have proven to be highly consequential for increasing access to transfer-level coursework, maximizing student success, and closing racial/ethnic equity gaps. By starting in transfer-level English, completion rates have tripled for Black students and more than doubled for Latinx students. In math, completion rates have quadrupled for Black students and Latinx students. SCC is also being recognized with an equity designation for supporting Latinx students to access and succeed in transfer-level math and English.

“On behalf of the faculty and staff at Santiago Canyon College, we are honored to receive this recognition. I especially want to thank our faculty in the English Department and professor Maureen Roe who helped lead this effort,” said SCC President, Dr. Jeannie G. Kim. “We are privileged to serve such a diverse and dynamic student body here at SCC, and as our students continue to demonstrate academic excellence, it is our responsibility as educators to remain committed to providing them with the support and resources they need to make their dreams of success a reality.”

Dr. Kim will be joined by a member of the SCC faculty along with Chancellor Select Sonya Christian and fellow honorees on May 31, 2023, in downtown Los Angeles for the presentation of awards.

About Campaign for College Opportunity:

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